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## LEEC GRANT OPPORTUNITY

### **2013-2014 LEEC SUSTAINABILITY INITIATIVE PROJECT (SIP) (Deadline September 6, 2013)**

This grant is being offered by the Louisiana Environmental Education Commission (LEEC), which is under the direction of Louisiana Department of Wildlife & Fisheries (LDWF). The LEEC is offering this grant in order to encourage sustainability initiatives in the EPA Region 6 area. Volunteer opportunities, educator workshops, and other projects that have a fundamental environmental education component and clear sustainability message will be considered. Projects are to involve environmental stewardship initiatives that focus on voluntary commitment, behavior, and action that result in environmental protection or improvement. Open to local education agencies (accredited public & private schools), colleges, universities, state education or environmental agencies, or 501(c)(3) non-profit organizations in **Arkansas, Louisiana, New Mexico, Oklahoma, and Texas**. **Maximum award: \$5000. Round 1\* Deadline: September 6, 2013** *\*Additional rounds will be offered as funding permits.* Project funds are provided via a grant from the EPA Office of Environmental Education Sub-Grants Program to LDWF.

**GUIDELINES:** [2013-2014 LEEC Sustainability Initiative Project \(SIP\) Guidelines](#)

**APPLICATION:** [2013-2014 LEEC Sustainability Initiative Project \(SIP\) Application](#)

Contact Venise Ortego [vortego@wlf.la.gov](mailto:vortego@wlf.la.gov) if you have questions about this grant opportunity

## WEBINAR

### **NOAA Announces RESTORE Act Science Program Webinars**

The NOAA RESTORE Act Science Program will be hosting five virtual engagement opportunities this month. A short overview of the program will be provided as well as an opportunity to ask questions and gather input on research and observing needs in the Gulf of Mexico.

If interested, please register for one of the following webinars:

Friday (August 16) at 11:00 am eastern/10:00 am central ([click here to register](#))

Monday (August 19) at 10:00 am eastern/9:00 am central ([click here to register](#))

Monday (August 19) at 2:00 pm eastern/1:00 pm central ([click here to register](#))

Tuesday (August 27) at 12:00 pm eastern/11:00 am central ([click here to register](#))

Wednesday (August 28) at 12:00 pm eastern/11:00 am central ([click here to register](#))

Space is limited, so sign up as soon as possible!

## WORKSHOPS

### **Coastwide Reference Monitoring System (CRMS) Training Session**

The public is invited to join members of the United States Geological Survey (USGS) for a training session and presentation on how to use the CWPPRA **Coastwide Reference Monitoring System (CRMS)** website. On Wednesday, September 25, 2013 from 9:30am to 11:30am in the LaSalle Building (11th Floor I. T. Training Room) located at 617 North Third Street in Baton Rouge, Louisiana .

This training will present recent updates to the website and will also demonstrate how to download coastal protection and restoration project monitoring data. **Space is limited.** We ask that organizations designate no more than three representatives to attend the training. Training is held at least twice a year so future opportunities will be available.

To RSVP or for additional information, contact Sarai Piazza ([piazzas@usgs.gov](mailto:piazzas@usgs.gov)) with a list of participants from your organization no later than Friday, September 13, 2013. Sarai can also be reached at (225) 578-7044.

### **New Science Teacher Academy (Deadline August 26, 2013)**

Science Teachers: If you're thinking of applying for the New Science Teacher Academy, there's still time, but the **August 26** deadline is fast approaching. If you are a middle- or high-school science teacher in your 2<sup>nd</sup> through 5<sup>th</sup> years of teaching and spend at least half of your time in the classroom, don't miss your chance to submit your application. This one-year professional development and mentoring program is of no charge to you or your school district. Visit [www.nsta.org/academy](http://www.nsta.org/academy) to learn more or to apply. If you are not eligible to apply, but know a colleague who is, please feel free to forward this opportunity to them.

### **Don't Forget! "Give A Whoop!" Teacher Workshop is Saturday, September 14 in Woodworth, LA**

**Receive:** 10 GLE aligned lessons, \$75 stipend, GPS unit for your classroom, breakfast and lunch, and up to 7.5 CLUs. Complete attached registration form and mail it, along with your \$25 check to be reimbursed, to:

Carrie Salyers, LDWF, 102 Magnate Dr. Suite 201, Lafayette, LA 70508

**Contact:** Sue Ellen Lyons, [slyons@holycrosstigers.com](mailto:slyons@holycrosstigers.com) or Carrie Salyers [csalyers@wlf.la.gov](mailto:csalyers@wlf.la.gov) with questions.

*Thank you, Chevron, for sponsoring this workshop!*

## LAGNIAPPE

### **Love Sessions at the Royal Sonesta: Benefiting Teaching Responsible Earth Education (T.R.E.E.)**

Irvin Mayfield's Jazz Playhouse at the Royal Sonesta Hotel announces a fourth installment of Love Sessions - A Festival of Giving, a broad-based community initiative that will benefit eight non-profit organizations. Love Sessions runs from Friday, August 23rd, through Thursday, August 29th . Other special guests are scheduled during the week. Each night will be recorded live to create a commemorative CD with Basin Street Records.

Since 1995, Teaching Responsible Earth Education (T.R.E.E.) has provided curriculum based, outdoor science education programs to over 17,000 children, parents and teachers from the New Orleans metropolitan area. TREE's mission is to educate children and adults about the life science processes that govern our planet, to inspire them to appreciate the natural world, and to motivate them to protect it.

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